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1. VICE GOVERNOR SWCC, AFTER CONSULTING WITH HRH PRINCE MOHAMED AL-FEISAL, INFORMED EMBASSY ON AUGUST 22 THAT PRINCE MOHAMED REGRETS VERY MUCH THAT HE IS UNABLE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY SIMON AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY, OCTOBER 11-14, PER REFTTEL BUT MUST ADHERE TO MEETINGS AS PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 4. PRINCE MOHAMED HAS COMMITMENT IN GERMANY OCTOBER 11. HOWEVER, PRINCE MOHAMED WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH SECRETARIES SIMON AND PARSKY LATER ON.

2. RE TRAVEL PLANS. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED THAT SWCC PARTY WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON OCTOBER 3 AND DEPART OCTOBER 8 -- HENCE NEED CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS (ONE SUITE AND THREE SINGLES) FOR NIGHTS OF OCTOBER 3-7).

3. IN RIYADH, USREP DELIVERED PARSKY/BUTCHER PACKAGE TO AL-TURKI ON AUGUST 22 WHO, IN TURN, GAVE HUMMON NEW SWCC DRAFT AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 18. LATTER GIVEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO AL-TURKI BY PRINCE MOHAMED FOR DELIVERY TO USREP

FOR TREASURY AND INTERIOR. PROPOSAL BEING HAND CARRIED BY HAYES. IT APPEARS TO HAVE ONLY MINOR DIFFERENCES FROM INTERIOR PROPOSAL ACCOMPANYING BUTCHER LETTER, EXCEPT IN ARTICLES V, VI, AND XVI, THE LATTER BEING A NEW ADDITION TO THE PROPOSAL. THE DIFFERENCES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1 - THE SWCC PROPOSAL DOES NOT CONTAIN DEFINITION OF LOCATION FOR USDI SPECIALISTS AS PROVIDED IN NEW USDI PROPOSAL. THIS DEFINITION WAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY SWCC AT JULY- 4-5 MEETING IN JIDDA. WE ARE SURE SWCC WILL SEE USDI CHANGE AS IMPROVEMENT.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1 - SWCC PROPOSAL STATES " ...CONSULTING ..." SERVICES WHILE USDI PROPOSAL STATES " ... CONSTRUCTION..." SERVICES. SWCC SPECIFICALLY HAD ASKED THAT "CONSULTING" BE CHANGED TO "CONSTRUCTION" AT JULY 4-5 MEETING. THEY SHOULD WELCOME OUR PROPOSED CHANGE.

SECTION 2 - SWCC PROPOSAL ADDS TO END OF SECTION "...WITHOUT ANY PREJUDICE TO THE RIGHTS OF SAUDI ARABIA."

ARTICLE V -SAME LANGUAGE AS IN MAY 1976 SWCC PROPOSAL.

ARTICLE VI - MAJOR NEW LANGUAGE AS FOLLOWS: "USDI WILL KEEP CONFIDENTIAL ANY INFORMATION OR DATA PROVIDED TO THEM BY SWCC OR GENERATED AS A RESULT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF USDI PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT." HOWEVER, BELIEVE THIS IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH INTERIOR DRAFT AS EXPLAINED IN BUTCHER LETTER.

ARTICLE VII - DIFFERENCE AS FOLLOW:

SECTION 1 - SWCC PROPOSAL IDENTICAL WITH USDI 7/30/76 DRAFT. SECTION 2 - SWCC PROPOSAL IDENTICAL WITH USDI 6/23/76 DRAFT.

SECTION 3 - SWCC PROPOSAL "THE USDI SHALL RECEIVE A ROYALTY-FREE, NON EXCLUSIVE, IRREVOCABLE LICENSE TO PRACTICE SUCH INVENTION IN THE UNITED STATES." THIS REPRESENTS MAJOR CONCESSION OF PART OF SWCC.

ARTICLE VIII - PARA 1 SAME AS USDI DRAFT. EL-AKEEL

AGREED ADDING JOINT COMMISSION AS RECIPIENT REPORTS.

SWCC PROPOSAL HAS WORDING CHANGE IN PARA 2, AS FOLLOWS:

"OVERALL COORDINATION OF THESE TWO TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECTS WITH OTHER SAUDI ARABIAN-UNITED STATES JOINT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND PROVISIONS OF CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES AND SUPPORT FOR THESE PROJECTS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF USDI. THE JOINT COMMISSION OFFICE IN RIYADH WILL SERVE AS THE POINT OF CONTACT FOR ALL PROCEDURAL AND POLICY-RELATED COMMUNICATIONS AMONG SWCC, MFNE, USDI AND USDT CONCERNING THESE PROJECTS, WILL FACILITATE ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, AND WILL

MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA."

ARTICLE IX-SWCC PROPOSAL SECTION 1 STATES:
"DESIGNATING A SENIOR TECHNICAL SWCC OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT;..."

ARTICLE XI-SWCC PROPOSAL LEFT BLANK "TOTAL COST OF SERVICES" IN PARA 1 AND "OTHER COSTS" IN PARA 2. SWCC PROPOSAL STATES HIGHER COSTS IN LAST SENTENCE, PARA 3, AS FOLLOWS: "THE PRESENT ORDER OF MAGNITUDE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR PROJECT A IS \$30 MILLION AND FOR PROJECT B IS \$49 MILLION, OR A TOTAL OF \$79 MILLION."

ARTICLE XVI-SWCC PROPOSAL ADDS A NEW ARTICLE AS FOLLOWS: "DOCUMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT. THIS AGREEMENT, THE APPENDICES A AND B AND THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SAUDI ARABIA SIGNED ON FEBRUARY 13, 1975, SHALL TOGETHER CONSTITUTE THE DOCUMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT;"

4. SWCC'S NEW DRAFT INCLUDED NO APPENDICES.

5. AL-TURKI AGREED THAT HUMMON COULD DELIVER PARSKY, BUTCHER LETTERS AND ATTACHMENTS TO SWCC. HUMMON, DANIELS AND DAVIS MET TODAY (AUGUST 23) WITH VICE-GOVERNOR EL-WKEEL (PRINCE MOHAMED IN TAIF). WE SAID IT APPEARED THAT TWO DRAFT AGREEMENTS WERE VERY CLOSE TOGETHER AND THAT WE SEEMED VERY CLOSE TO COMPLETING FORMAL AGREEMENT. HUMMON NOTED AGAIN THAT SECRETARY SIMON AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY HOPED VERY MUCH THAT MEETING WITH PRINCE MOHAMED IN ATTENDANCE COULD BE HELD WHEN THEY WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD SUGGESTED OCTOBER 11-14. EL-AKEEL REGRETTED THAT PRINCE WAS COMMITTED TO SCHEDULE IN GERMANY ON OCTOBER 11 AND SWCC PROPOSED THAT MEETING PROCEED ON OCTOBER 4. WE ASKED WHETHER DATE OTHER THAN OCTOBER 11 MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, ASSUMING OF COURSE THAT TREASURY/ INTERIOR CONCURRED. EL-AKEEL NOT SURE BUT INDICATED THEY WISHED ADHERE TO OCTOBER 4 DATE. HOWEVER, EL-AKEEL ASKED WHETHER WE COULD POSSIBLY RETURN ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, MEET WITH PRINCE IF HE AVAILABLE. WE AGREED.

6. REQUEST ANY ALTERNATIVE DATE WE MIGHT SUGGEST TO PRINCE ON AUGUST 25. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS SWCC STRONGLY COMMITTED INTERNALLY TO OCTOBER 4 DATE. WILL ADVISE FURTHER AFTER AUGUST 24 MEETING.

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